

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this supplemental amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interview on November 15, 2005, in which data exploration limitations were discussed in relation to the Wattenberg reference.

Amendments

Claims 1-49, 51-56, 59-70, and 72-79 remain in this application. Claim 71 was canceled. Claims 60-66, 69, 70, and 78 were amended.

The language of claims 60-66, 69, and 78 “a highlight box by which one or more subfield areas [...]” was amended to read “a highlight box by which more than one subfield areas [...]”. Element “find control 904” (column 16 lines 26-29) of Wattenberg is not encompassed by the amended claims.

The language of claims 60-66, 70, and 78 “subfield areas are regrouped according to user-specified criteria” was amended to read “subfield areas are regrouped without adding or removing subfield areas according to user-specified criteria”. Zooming into or out of a treemap region, as between figures 2B and 3 of Wattenberg, is not encompassed by the amended claims.

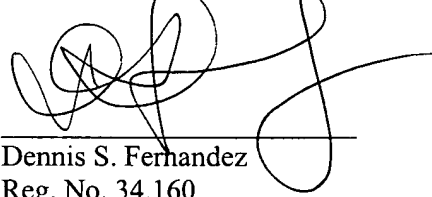
The language of claims 60-66, and 78 was amended to delete reference to a menu item by which criteria used for displaying data elements are automatically widened and narrowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that claims are in condition for allowance, and thus, reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

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